I will make a few general remarks which will apply to your and all other representations in the matter of roads. Government have thought it necessary to classify these roads according to some principle. First of all, there are roads which are necessary, secondly roads which will be useful and thirdly roads which are in the nature of a luxury. The Government have to devote most of their attention to the first class and in deciding whether a road is necessary or not they have to consider it in relation to the road programme of the State as a whole and not in respect of each locality by itself. In regard to roads which may be useful some of these will also be taken up every year, and that will depend largely upon the funds that are available after the necessary roads are completed.

You come to the question of widening the Neendakara-Karunagapalli road from the Chavara bridge to the junction of the Sastankotta road. The Chief Engineer has already called for an estimate for widening and easing the corners from the 7th to 11th mile.

The Chief Engineer agrees with you that in view of the heavy traffic, a bridge is desirable at Kallukadavu on the Karunagapalli-Sastancotta road. Although he agrees that this bridge is desirable, he also points out that there are much more important crossings, which have to be attended to before this is taken up.

As regards the maintenance of the road leading from Uppukunnu to the 4th mile of the Chavara-Sastancotta road, this road is not maintained by the P. W. D. at present. The Chief Engineer has promised to go and inspect it and come to a conclusion and if necessary make a report to Government.

As regards the gravelling of the road leading from Puthiakavu in the Karunagapalli-Kayancolam road to the Todiyur bridge, the Chief Engineer has just received an estimate from the Divisional Officer and he is scrutinising it. This is one of those roads that can be classified useful.

The deepening of the Todiyur kayal will be investigated. The Chief Engineer requires some further information. So that you can take the opportunity of seeing him personally and giving the information he wants.

The Government are awaiting an estimate for a new Munsiff's court at Karunagapalli.

The Administrative Board, Medical Services, to whom your representation in the matter of converting the dispensary into a hospital was referred report that there is already sufficient accommodation for in-patients and that there is no necessity at present to raise this dispensary into a hospital.

MEMBER: About the erection of the rest house on both sides of the Neendakara bar.

DEWAN: Yes. That is a very good suggestion. I shall instruct the Chief Engineer to put up two good buildings there.

As regards a steam and a motor ferry service let it wait till we decide whether there should be a bridge. If a bridge is going to be constructed, there is hardly any need for incurring this expenditure.

95. Needs of the Karunagapalli taluk, Group II.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Karunagapalli taluk, Group II*) dealt with the following needs of the Karunagapalli taluk:

(1) The village road leading from Vallikavu to the Kottapuzha-Todiyur road should be metalled. There were also two other roads which should be metalled *viz* the road from Puthiakavu to Chakoli and the Ayiramtengu-Tamaracolam road from Oachira onwards. Besides, a new road should be opened from the Kuttumvatukal ferry at Putupalli to the main road to the west of the Puthiadatu temple, *via* Vatakkeanjilimudu. Another need of the taluk was the deepening and widening of the canal from Pattukadavu to Champakadavu.

The member also referred to the following subjects: the provision of a suitable building for the Munsiff's court at Karunagapalli and also the transfer of the Magistrate's court from Chavara to Padanayarkulangara.

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DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Padmanabhan, the question of metalling the road from Vallikavu to the Kottapuzha-Todiyur road came up at the 22nd session. The Chief Engineer has received an estimate for improving the first two miles of the road and it is under scrutiny at present.

In regard to the road from Puthiakavu to Chakkoli, I will refer you to the last member's representation.

Then we come to Aiyramtengu-Tamarakulam road from Oachira to the east. The work is being carried out. For the first section from Oachira to Alumpeedika an estimate for Rs. 9,590 has been sanctioned by Government. The estimates for the section between Oachira and Tamaracolam and for the extension of the road up to Ayiramtengu are being prepared.

In regard to the road from Puthupalli to the main road to the west of the Puthiadathu temple, the Chief Engineer says that he had the matter examined and an estimate for Rs. 23,000 has been received by him. This is partly a local need which must lie over until more important through communications have been attended to.

As for deepening and widening of the canal from Pattukadavu to Champakadavu, professional advice goes to show that the whole proposal is costly and impracticable and will prove of very little use. Therefore the matter has been dropped.

MEMBER : I have also dropped that subject.

DEWAN : As remarked previously plans and estimates are under preparation for the Munsiff's court at Karunagapalli.

In regard to the Magistrate's court, I have nothing to add to what I said last year.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch at 2 P. M. and met again at 3 P. M.

96. Needs of the Kayancolam town.

MR. K. U. THOMAS (*Member, Municipal Council, Kayancolam*) spoke of the following needs of the Kayancolam town:—

(1) Opening of roads along the banks of the Kayancolam canal from the old fish market bridge to the present fish market. These roads were highly necessary in the interests of the growing trade of the town. But the municipal council was not in a position to take up the work. Government should therefore do it themselves.

(2) Conversion of the local dispensary into a hospital and housing it in a Sirkar building. The dispensary was an institution which served a number of people. In fact in point of the number of patients treated, it held the highest place among all the medical institutions of the State in 1102. As regards the accommodation of the dispensary, the Dewan had himself noted it. Owing to the pressing need for providing a good building for this purpose, the municipality had themselves set apart Rs. 3000. Government should make up the rest and transfer the dispensary to a good building.

(3) There was no furniture in many of the classes in the local vernacular school which was burnt down seven years ago. When this matter was brought before the Assembly the previous year, the member was asked to refer to the Director of Public Instruction. He accordingly addressed the Director ; but no action was yet taken in the matter.

(4) A departmental Sanskrit school should be opened at Kayancolam.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Thomas, the Chief Engineer reports that the widening of the road on the banks of the Kayancolam canal will cost about Rs. 4,000 and that he will have an estimate prepared.

As regards the conversion of the local dispensary into a hospital, I would refer you to what I said last year, that the Administrative Board are still of opinion that there is no justification for the conversion as there is a well-equipped hospital at Mavelikara which is only 7 miles away. It is true that better accommodation is necessary and the Government have sanctioned the removal of the dispensary to a better building.

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